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Allen;

Enclosed are five (5) copies of the report from UARC concerning the additional archeological clearance on the proposed access roads on this lease. I also contacted Brad Palmer with the Vernal office of the BLM and he tells me that their copy of this report arrived Friday (12-05-81) and that their comments and stipulations are on their way to you.

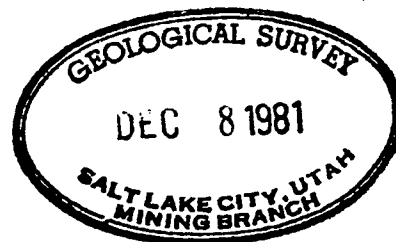
If you require any additional information or have any further questions, feel free to give me a call. 789-1921 or 789-5988.

Very truly yours,



Richard E. Carlbert
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SUBJECT: Archaeological Reconnaissance of Proposed Access Roads
For The American Gilsonite Mine Expansion Near Bonanza,
Uintah County, Utah

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DATE: November 18, 1981

PROJECT: American Gilsonite Corporation-1981-1

PERMITS: Federal #81-Ut-181
State #686

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECONNAISSANCE OF PROPOSED ACCESS
ROADS FOR THE AMERICAN GILSONITE MINE EXPANSION
NEAR BONANZA, UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH

ABSTRACT: An archaeological reconnaissance was conducted on a proposed access road for mine expansion at the American Gilsonite mines northwest of Bonanza, Utah. The action involved clearing a 100' corridor around and between shaft locations. Construction will consist of earth moving, road bedding, and grading. The survey was performed by Clayton W. Cook, Principal Investigator for Utah Archaeological Research Corporation on November 10, 1981.

CLIENT: American Gilsonite Corporation of Bonanza, Utah

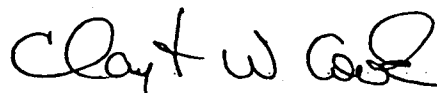
PROJECT AREA:

Legal location: T9S, R24E, Section 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$
Ownership: Bureau of Land Management, Vernal District
Book Cliffs Resource Area
County and State: Uintah County, Utah
Area Surveyed: Approximately 4000' x 100'

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING: The project area is located in the east-central portion of the Uintah Basin subdivision of the Colorado Plateau Physiographic Province. The area is characterized by steep draws and low plateaus. Vegetation in the project area consists of bunch grass and sagebrush. Soils are predominantly gravels and sand.

METHODOLOGY: A pre-field file search was conducted at the UTARC library and showed that no cultural resources had been recorded in the immediate vicinity of the project. The area was surveyed by walking a zig-zag transect along the proposed access roads clearing a 100' corridor. The remainder of the $\frac{1}{4}$ section was checked by sampling potential areas such as stream courses and south facing hillsides.

RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: No cultural resources were discovered during the survey and it is recommended that American Gilsonite be allowed to continue with their project as scheduled, with the stipulations that construction activities be limited to the area surveyed, and that construction cease and a qualified archaeologist be contacted immediately in the event that cultural material is discovered during construction.



Clayton W. Cook
Principal Investigator

